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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : LUTZ HEUER ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 08/888,609  
FILED : July 7, 1997  
FOR : MICROBICIDAL COMPOSITIONS  
ART UNIT : 1616  
EXAMINER : A. Robinson

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April 14, 1998

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all of the claims in the application and substitute:

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--12. A method of protecting wood against wood-destroying fungi or wood-discoloring fungi, said method comprising applying to said wood an amount of a compound that is effective to protect said wood against said wood-destroying fungi or said wood-discoloring fungi, said compound being a compound of the

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